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Festival of India
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has organised festival of India on International front in terms of cultural perspective;

(b) if so, the details of the festival organised by the Government during each of the last three years and the current year, festival/country-wise;

(c) whether the Festival of India was organised by the Government in Oman recently; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the main theme of the said festival and the expenditure incurred during the said festival?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE & TOURISM
(Dr. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Details of festivals organised during the last three years and the current year are as under-

(i) 2013-2014 - Peru, Cuba, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Vietnam & Thailand.

(ii) 2014-2015 - China, South Africa, Japan, Indonesia & Malaysia.

(iii) 2015-2016 - Thailand (continued from year 2013-14), Malaysia (continued from previous year), Indonesia (continued from previous year), Japan (continued from previous year), Mauritius, Madagascar, Seychelles, Mongolia, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka.

(iv) 2016-17 - Mauritius (continued from previous year), Republic of Korea (continued from previous year), Hungary, Spain, Australia, Morocco, Italy, Egypt, Myanmar, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Kenya, Tanzania & Oman.

(c) Yes, Madam.

(d) The Festival of India in Oman is to be held from 15th November 2016 to 24th March, 2017 with six events namely Indian Creative Ballet, Exhibition of Islamic Art Calligraphy, Vocal Sufiana Music, Jammu and Kashmir Dance and Music group. A sum of Rs. 1,01,26,150/- has been approved for these events. Food Festival and Fashion Show are also being organised as part of Festival of India with the help of other Ministries.

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